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Mr. Doug Kimsey  
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Subject: Comments on the 2009 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Draft  
Investment Plan

Dear Doug:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the RTP draft Investment Plan's High Priority, T2035 STIP/SLPP Financially Constrained, and Committed project lists. The ACCMA appreciates MTC's efforts in accommodating an early review and the amount of work that it has taken to get to this point. Our comments are focused on Alameda County projects and regional/multiple county projects in the RTP that affect Alameda County and how they compare to Alameda County's adopted 2008 Countywide Transportation Plan.

- 1) The ACCMA requests: (a) that MTC honor the CMA's Transportation 2035 RTP Project Submittal adopted by the ACCMA Board on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and forwarded to MTC on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008; and (b) that any new projects for Alameda County submitted directly to MTC and not through the CMA be included only in the Vision, not in the Financially Constrained portion of the Regional Transportation Plan.
- 2) It appears that the RTP Investment Plan will have a High Priority project and a Financially Constrained project list similar to what the ACCMA Board adopted in the 2008 Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan. In comparing the 2008 Alameda Countywide High Priority projects to the High Priority projects and the Financially Constrained projects proposed for the RTP, many of the Countywide High Priority projects do not appear to be included in either RTP list.

The CMA's policy for the five high priority projects in the Countywide Transportation Plan is that "Resources will be focused on these projects over the next several State and Federal Funding cycles to ensure delivery of improvements." The five high priority projects in the Alameda Countywide Plan are listed below and only right-of-way preservation in the I-580 corridor for transit (RTP Committed project) and the auxiliary lanes on I-580 at Isabel (RTP Financially Constrained Project) appear to be included on the RTP High Priority or T2035 STIP/SLPP Financially Constrained lists.

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- a. AC Transit East Bay Bus Rapid Transit on Telegraph/E. 14<sup>th</sup>
- b. Warm Springs BART
- c. I-580 Corridor Improvements:
  - HOT Lanes from Greenville Road to I-680
  - Westbound auxiliary lane at Isabel (included in RTP Financially Constrained List)
  - Right-of-way preservation for transit (included in RTP Committed List)
- d. TOD Improvement Program
- e. Arterial Performance Initiative Program

The CMA requests that MTC clarify what it means to be a High Priority project in the RTP and how the High Priority projects will be funded. If they are inconsistent with Alameda County's priorities identified in the 2008 Countywide Plan, then they should not be funded out of county discretionary funds. We also request that MTC include the above five projects as High Priority or Financially Constrained projects in the RTP consistent with the priorities established in the Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan.

- 3) Alameda County's share of the requested discretionary funds identified in the RTP draft T2035 STIP/SLPP Financially Constrained project list without ITIP is \$838.7 million. It is assumed that these are escalated costs. On March 5<sup>th</sup>, the ACCMA submitted \$898.1 million in Financially Constrained and High Priority projects in current dollars without ITIP, which is more than the escalated amount shown proposed in the T2035 STIP/SLPP Financially Constrained project list.

As described in Comment 2 above, a majority of the High Priority projects (\$74 million) identified in our Countywide Transportation Plan, which are the projects to which revenues will be assigned over the next several STIP cycles, are not included in the RTP Financially Constrained or High Priority lists. In addition, Attachment 1 shows the 2008 Alameda Countywide Transportation Financially Constrained projects that appear to have not been included in the T2035 STIP/SLPP Financially Constrained project list. By category they are: Bicycle and Pedestrian projects - \$33.8 million, Transit Oriented Development projects - \$81.6 million, and Other - \$6 million. These projects represent countywide priorities. If they are to be funded through revenues assigned to programs, then Alameda County would like to be assured that there are enough revenues in the programs assigned to our County to fund these priorities.

**RTP High Priority Projects:**

- 4) Attachment 2 shows our comments on the RTP High Priority projects summary table. Please clarify that the difference in project costs are due to escalation.
- 5) *RTPID 230369 – Net HOT Network Revenues:* Does this project include the High Priority Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan project entitled I-580 Corridor Improvements (HOT Lane from Greenville Road to I-680) listed in (c) above?
- 6) *RTPID 230111 – Implement AC Transit Transit Priority Measures etc...(Element 2):* This project is a 2008 Alameda Countywide Transportation Plan Vision project and should not be funded through countywide discretionary funding sources before other ACCMA Board adopted Financially Constrained projects.
- 7) *RTPID 22776 – Widen Route 84 near Stanley Boulevard:* This project is a financially constrained project in the Countywide Transportation Plan entitled “RT 84 Expressway Widening – Jack London to Vallecitos.” It is not one of the five Countywide Transportation Plan High Priority projects, but is included in the County’s STIP/SLPP Priority List. It should be moved to the portion of the table for “High Priority projects included on County’s Priority List.”
- 8) *RTPID 22657 – Construct westbound truck climbing lane on Altamont Pass* is a project for Alameda County submitted directly to MTC and not through the CMA Board. Per Board policy adopted in May 2008, it should be included only in the Vision, not in the Financially Constrained portion of the Regional Transportation Plan.

**RTP T2035 STIP/SLPP Financially Constrained:**

- 9) Attachment 3 shows our comments on the RTP T2035 STIP/SLPP Financially Constrained projects table with respect to costs. Please clarify that the difference in project costs are due to escalation.
- 10) *RTPID 22013 – Construct I-580 eastbound truck climbing lane at Altamont Summit:* This is now a committed project and should be moved to the Committed list.

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**Committed:**

- 11) *RTPID 230271 – Add additional express bus service via new routes and longer hours on the I-880 corridor:* This project is on the I-80 corridor, not I-880 as the title suggests. In the Countywide Transportation Plan, it is identified as being funded with HOT Lane revenues. Please clarify why this project is being identified as a committed project.
- 12) *RTPID 98139 – Obtain right of way and make improvements for ACE rail service expansion:* In the Countywide Transportation Plan, this project is a Tier 3 with \$20 million in funding limited to TCIF/ITIP. If this project is considered committed in the RTP, please clarify why the other Trade Corridor/ITIP projects not committed as well.
- 13) *RTPID 230630 – Construct westbound off-ramp to connect I-580 to Dublin/Pleasanton BART station:* The project cost for this project should be \$38 million. Because only \$12 million is available, alternatives should be identified and studied to implement this Resolution 3434 required project and it should be noted that the project is not fully funded.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the RTP Draft Investment Plan. Please let me know if you require additional information or would like to meet to discuss these issues.

Sincerely,



for Beth Walukas  
Manager of Planning

Cc: File: 2009 Regional Transportation Plan  
Dennis Fay, Executive Director  
Frank Furger, Chief Deputy Director  
Saravana Suthanthira, Senior Transportation Planner

Attachment 1: Alameda CWTP Projects Not in RTP

RTPID	CWTP ID	Project Name	CWTP Funding Request
<b>High Priority</b>			
230134	8	TOD Improvement Program	\$30.0
230224	9	Arterial Performance Initiative Program	\$15.0
22664	55	I-580 HOT Lanes from Greenville Road west to I-680	\$29.0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$74.0</b>
<b>Bike and Pedestrian</b>			
230204	bundled	Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements	\$33.8
<b>TOD</b>			
230141	bundled	TOD/PDAs	\$81.6
<b>Other</b>			
21154	4	Additional buses for Frequent Service Transit Network	\$4.0
230244	68	PSR Development for SR 84 Widening - Pigeon Pass to I-680	\$2.0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6.0</b>

Attachment 2: High Priority Project List for Alameda County

County	RTP ID	Project / Program	Project Cost	Committed Existing Funds	Requested Discretionary Funds	Proposed ITIP Funding	BC Ratio	Number of Goals Strongly Supported	ACCMA Comment
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High Priority Projects Included on County's STIP/SLPP Priority List

Projects with Benefit/Cost >=3 and/or Strongly Supports >=1 Goal

Various Counties	Various	Various HOV Projects Assumed Fully Funded will Regional HOT Network tolls							
Regional/ Multiple Counties	230369	Net HOT Network Revenues - Corridor Mobility Improvements TBD	6100.0	0.0	6100.0		18.0	4	Does this RTP project assume the following CWTP High Priority Projects: I-580 HOT Lanes and right of way preservation for transit?
Alameda	21992	Implement AC Transit Transit Priority Measures (TPM) and Corridor Improvements (Element 1)	14.8 20.054	0.0	14.8 20.054		29.5	4	Alameda Countywide Plan assumed the figures shown in bold. Is the increase because it included Contra Costa County?
Alameda	22780	Improve Grand-MacArthur corridor for future AC Transit bus rapid transit services	35.44	8.0 Partial Funding	6.0			4	

High Priority Projects Excluded from County's STIP/SLPP Priority List

Projects with Benefit/Cost >=3 and/or Strongly Supports >=1 Goal

Alameda	230111	Implement AC Transit Transit Priority Measures and construct street and bridge improvements throughout the county, including signal and other technology upgrades, more frequent service, passenger loading stations, street and sidewalk improvements (Element 2)	23.5 36.448	0.0	23.5 36.448		29.5	4	In Countywide Vision.
Alameda	22776	Widen Route 84 near Stanley Boulevard	124 435.2	114.6	15 20.6		13.0	1	This project is number 58 in the CWTP entitled RT 84 Expressway Widening - Jack London to Vallecitos. It is in the CWTP Financially Constrained Plan and should be on the above list.
Alameda	22657	Construct I-580 westbound truck climbing lane on the Altamont Pass	90.8	0.0	90.8		7.6	1	This project is not in the CWTP. See notes.

# ATTACHMENT 3

T-2035 STIP/SLPP Financially Constrained Project List								
Escalated to YOY (millions\$)								
County	RTPID	Project / Program	Project Cost	Committed Existing Funds	Requested Discretionary Funds	Proposed ITIP Funding	BC Ratio	Number of Goals Strongly Supported
Alameda	21992	Implement AC Transit Transit Priority Measures (TPM) and Corridor Improvements (Element 1)	20.1	0.0	<del>20.1</del> 14.8		29.5	4
Alameda	230111 WISOM	Implement AC Transit Transit Priority Measures and construct street and bridge improvements throughout the county, including signal and other technology upgrades, more frequent service, passenger loading stations, street and sidewalk improvements (Element 2)	36.4	0.0	36.4		29.5	4
Alameda	22776	Widen Route 84 near Stanley Boulevard SR 84 Expressway widening - 5 Acre Lanes to 7 lanes	<del>435.9</del> 124	114.6	<del>20.8</del> 15		13.1	1
Alameda	22013 Committed	Construct I-580 eastbound truck climbing lane at the Altamont Summit	<del>77.1</del> 83.5	<del>77.1</del> 65.0			5.1	1
Alameda	94506	Construct an improved east-west connection between I-880 and Route 238 (Mission Boulevard) from North Fremont to Union City	<del>169.1</del> 150	150.6	<del>48.5</del> 9.6		1.1	0
Alameda	230099 TIC 3	Construct northbound I-680 to westbound I-580 connector Phase 1	<del>576.2</del> 6.14	0.0	576.2	576.0	1.0	1
Alameda	21100	Improve I-580/Vasco Road interchange	<del>60.4</del> 55	53.9	<del>6.5</del> 4			1
Alameda	21103	Construct grade separation structure on Central Avenue (4-lane arterial street) at Union Pacific Railroad crossing	<del>23.7</del> 18.3	6.8	<del>16.9</del> 12.6			0
Alameda	21112	Improve Crow Canyon Road by widening shoulders, realigning curves and constructing retaining walls	<del>48.8</del> 14.5	4.2	<del>44.8</del> 11.0			0

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Alameda	21123	Expand Union City BART Station to create intermodal rail station	<del>25.8</del> 21.	8.0	<del>17.8</del> 14			2
Alameda	<del>21132</del>	Extend BART 5.4 miles from Fremont to Warm Springs	<del>890.0</del> 747	769.0	<del>121.0</del> 160			4
Alameda	21139	Improve Vasco Road with safety features including realignment, widening and installation of median barriers	<del>46.8</del> 13.2	3.7	<del>43.1</del> 10			0
Alameda	21144	Reconstruct I-80/Gilman Avenue interchange into a roundabout at freeway entrance/exit	<del>8.6</del> 7	1.7	<del>6.9</del> 5.5			1
Alameda	21159	Expand/enhance AC Transit facilities in northern Alameda County, including new operating facility	<del>22.9</del> 16.1	0.0	<del>22.9</del> 16.1			3
Alameda	21451	Construct additional turn and bus loading lanes on Hesperian Boulevard and East 14th Streets	<del>3.8</del> 3.4	1.5	<del>2.3</del> 2.0			0
Alameda	21475	Improve I-580/First Street interchange in Livermore	<del>57.3</del> 37.	46.9	<del>10.4</del> 4			1
Alameda	21477	Improve I-580/Greenville Road interchange in Livermore	<del>64.7</del> 43	53.8	<del>10.9</del> 4			1
Alameda	<del>21618</del>	Dumbarton rail service; Includes \$40 million ITIP for Oakland Subdivision ROW	<del>596.0</del> 539.6	301.0	<del>40.0</del> 19.8	40.0		4
Alameda	22021	Expand AC Transit transfer centers and park-and-ride facility in central Alameda County	<del>2.8</del> 2.0	0.0	<del>2.8</del> 2.0			0
Alameda	22084	Improve connection to the Oakland International Airport's North Field, connecting Route 61 (Doolittle Drive) with Earhart Road and extend the infield area at North Field	<del>15.6</del> 10.0	7.1	<del>8.4</del> 5.0			1
Alameda	<del>22089</del>	Martinez Subdivision Grade Separations	<del>75.0</del> 21.5		<del>75.0</del> 10.7	75.0		1
Alameda	<del>22455</del>	Improve Telegraph Avenue and International Boulevard corridors for future AC Transit bus rapid transit services	250.0	165.0	85.0			4

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Alameda	22675	Improve station access to BART throughout region	<del>44.2</del> 26.5	0.0	<del>44.2</del> 26.5			3
Alameda	22676	Improve station capacity at 43 BART stations throughout the district	<del>50.5</del> 32.5	0.0	<del>50.5</del> 32.5			4
Alameda	22765	Improve I-580/I-680 interchange HOV connectors(Design)	<del>18.8</del> 15.0	0.0	<del>18.8</del> 15.0			0
Alameda	22766	Analyze Fruitvale Avenue Rail Bridge for seismic retrofit	<del>3.1</del> 2.6	1.8	<del>4.3</del> 1.0			1
Alameda	22768	Retrofit and repair three Oakland-Alameda estuary bridges for seismic safety	<del>4.7</del> 4.0	3.3	<del>4.4</del> 1.0			1
Alameda	22780	Improve Grand-MacArthur corridor for future AC Transit bus rapid transit services	<del>44.0</del> 35.0	8.0	6.0			4
Alameda	22783	Analyze Fruitvale Avenue Bridge for seismic retrofit	<del>9.8</del> 8.0	3.4	<del>6.3</del> 5.0			1
Alameda	98139	Obtain right-of-way and make improvements for ACE rail service expansion	<del>450.0</del> 189.1	75.0	75.0	75.0 20.0		4
Alameda	98207	Improve I-880/Broadway-Jackson interchange in Oakland, including construction of new on- and off-ramps and signals	<del>32.8</del> 26.0	10.1	<del>22.7</del> 17.2			1
Alameda	98208	Construct soundwalls in locations TBD	<del>16.4</del> 10	0.0	<del>16.4</del> 10			0
Alameda	230047	Reconstruct I-880 West A Street interchange	<del>34.9</del> 27	0.0	<del>34.9</del> 27			1
Alameda	230053	Reconstruct I-880 Industrial Parkway interchange	<del>18.4</del> 14.7	0.0	<del>18.4</del> 14.7			1
Alameda	230086	Reconstruct two Dublin interchanges: (1) I-580/Fallon Road Interchange, and (2) I-580/Hacienda Drive interchange	<del>56.5</del> 37.6	29.8	<del>26.7</del> 16.0			1
Alameda	230108	Widen I-80 Eastbound Powell Street off-ramp in Emeryville	<del>2.8</del> 1.0	0.4	<del>2.4</del> 1.5			1

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Alameda	230110	Construct a grade separation at Route 262/Warm Springs Drive/Mission Boulevard	<del>15.8</del> 10	0.0	<del>15.8</del> 10			1
Alameda	230114	Widen Auto Mall Parkway from four to six lanes between I-680 and I-880, including intersection improvements	<del>52.8</del> 42	38.1	<del>14.5</del> 9			0
Alameda	230116	Plan, design and construct improvements to rail crossings in Berkeley, including grade separation at Gilman Street, road closures, and at-grade crossing improvements	<del>2.8</del> 2	0.0	<del>2.8</del> 2			0
Alameda	230120	Construct truck parking facilities in Northern Alameda County	<del>6.4</del> 5	0.0	<del>6.4</del> 5			1
Alameda	230122	Implement a Value-Pricing Parking and Transportation Demand Management program in Berkeley	<del>8.0</del> 5	2.2	<del>3.8</del> 3			
Alameda	230125	Improve Ashby I-80 Interchange/Aquatic Park access	<del>2.8</del> 2	0.0	<del>2.8</del> 2			0
Alameda	230132	Improve I-580/Isabel Avenue Interchange by enhancing local streetscape and bicycle & pedestrian facilities	<del>44.0</del> 28	34.6	<del>9.4</del> 4			1
Alameda	230169	Provide ITS elements for the City of Oakland including new controllers, signal interconnect/coordination, transit priority, automatic vehicle locator, speed and level of service monitoring through radar detection, real time arrival information, CCTV, and	<del>34.2</del> 22	0.0	<del>34.2</del> 22			2
Alameda	230170	Improve access to I-880 from 42nd and High Street	<del>27.4</del> 24.9	6.3	<del>21.1</del> 19			1
Alameda	230171	Improve Route 24/Caldecott Tunnel, including bicycle and transit access and soundwall improvements	<del>8.5</del> 8	2.2	<del>3.2</del> 6			0

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Alameda	230198	Upgrade traffic signal systems, including new controllers, improved system communication, facilities upgrades and relocations, emergency vehicle preemption, improved speed and level of service monitoring	<del>27</del> 2	0.0	<del>27</del> 2			2
Alameda	230396	Provide Community Based Transportation Plan improvements to improve mobility for low income residents	<del>30.1</del> 29.3	0.0	<del>30.1</del> 24.9			1
Alameda	230608	Construct a westbound auxiliary lane between First Avenue and Isabel Avenue along I-580 in the Tri-Valley	<del>12.3</del> 10	0.0	<del>12.3</del> 10.0			1
		TOTAL	3,872.9	1,980.1	1,604.7	766.0	79.4	67.0
				less ITIP	838.7			

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Regional/ Multiple Counties	230369	Net HOT Network Revenues - Corridor Mobility Improvements TBD	6100.0	0.0	6100.0		18.0	4
Regional/ Multiple Counties	230419 <i>High Priority</i>	Freeway Performance Initiative	<del>1.8</del>	0.0	<del>1.8</del> 1.5		28.4	2
		TOTAL	6,101.6	-	6,101.6	-	482.4	641.0
				less ITIP	6,101.6			